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H. R. 4582

[Report No. 114-]

To exclude striped bass from the anadromous fish doubling requirement in section 3406(b)(1) of the Central Valley Project Improvement Act, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 23, 2016

Mr. DENHAM introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

JULY --, 2016

Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in *italie*]

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on February 23, 2016]

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 *This Act may be cited as the “Save Our Salmon Act”*
5 *or the “SOS Act”.*

6 **SEC. 2. LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS.**

7 *Congress finds the following:*

8 (1) *California is home to many populations of*
9 *native salmon and steelhead.*

10 (2) *Many of the native salmon and steelhead*
11 *populations in California are listed under the Endan-*
12 *gered Species Act of 1973.*

13 (3) *The Central Valley Project Improvement Act*
14 *(CVPIA) required a doubling of natural production of*
15 *Central Valley populations of anadromous fish within*
16 *10 years.*

17 (4) *Striped bass are anadromous fish indigenous*
18 *to the East Coast of the United States and are not*
19 *native to the State of California.*

20 (5) *Striped bass were included in the CVPIA’s*
21 *fish doubling goal even though they are not a native*
22 *species.*

23 (6) *Striped bass prey on native salmon and*
24 *steelhead.*

1 (7) *Predation poses a serious threat to federally*
2 *protected juvenile salmon and other native fish in*
3 *California.*

4 (8) *According to the National Marine Fisheries*
5 *Service, reducing abundance of striped bass and other*
6 *non-native predators must be achieved to prevent ex-*
7 *inction of Central Valley salmon and steelhead or to*
8 *prevent the species from declining irreversibly.*

9 (9) *Therefore, the CVPIA's fish-doubling goal for*
10 *two competing species is contradictory and counter-*
11 *productive for salmon and steelhead recovery.*

12 **SEC. 3. TREATMENT OF STRIPED BASS.**

13 (a) *ANADROMOUS FISH.*—*Section 3403(a) of the Cen-*
14 *tral Valley Project Improvement Act (title XXXIV of Public*
15 *Law 102–575) is amended by striking “striped bass,” after*
16 *“stocks of salmon (including steelhead),”.*

17 (b) *FISH AND WILDLIFE RESTORATION ACTIVITIES.*—
18 *Section 3406(b) of the Central Valley Project Improvement*
19 *Act (title XXXIV of Public Law 102–575) is amended by—*

20 (1) *striking paragraphs (14) and (18);*

21 (2) *redesignating paragraphs (15) through (17)*
22 *as paragraphs (14) through (16), respectively; and*

23 (3) *redesignating paragraphs (19) through (23)*
24 *as paragraphs (17) through (21), respectively.*

1 (c) *RESTORATION FUND ESTABLISHED.*—Section
2 *3407(a) of the Central Valley Project Improvement Act*
3 *(title XXXIV of Public Law 102–575) is amended by strik-*
4 *ing “(10)–(18), and (20)–(22)” and inserting “(10)–(16),*
5 *and (18)–(20)”.*